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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,569-A)

In re Application of:	Nakayama et al.)	
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Serial No.:	09/724,915)	Before the Examiner: D. Romeo
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Filed:	November 28, 2000)	Group Art Unit: 1647
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For:	Chordin-Like Molecules)	Confirmation No: 8656
	and Uses Thereof)	

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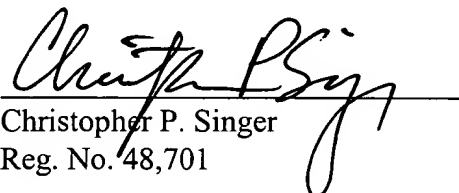
Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed June 7, 2004. A response is now considered timely filed on December 7, 2004. The fee of \$980.00 is included in the check for \$1770.00, enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: December 7, 2004

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